

BEST DANCE EVER GIVEN

Over Three Hundred People Attended Twelfth Annual Ball of Alliance Volunteer Fire Dept.

The twelfth annual ball of the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department, given at the opera house Saturday night, was pronounced by those who attended to have been the best ball of its kind ever given in Alliance.

Eighty-nine couples took part in the grand march, at 8:30 o'clock, led by Mayor Romig, who is vice president of the fire department. In line were officers of the department, members and visitors. Other couples kept arriving until the hall was packed to overflowing.

A six-piece orchestra, led by Mrs. Minnie Wiker, furnished the music, which was delightful and of the kind that kept them all dancing. Red and white carnations were distributed to the ladies, and a ribbon badge, to which was attached a fireman's helmet, and on which the date of the dance and the name of the occasion was printed, were given to the men as souvenirs.

ICE HARVEST STARTS

Burlington Will Put up 10,000 Tons of Good, Hard Ice for Use on This Division

The ice harvest on the big Burlington lake at Marsland, thirty miles northwest of Alliance, started Wednesday morning with a large crew of men at work. The Burlington expects to put up about 10,000 tons for use during the coming season.

At Alliance the railroad has storage capacity of 4,000 tons, and at Edgemont of 3,000 tons. The balance will be stored at different points on the division. The ice is about the right thickness at the present time but if the cold weather keeps up it is feared that it will freeze deeper as it has done in the past, getting as thick as twenty-four inches. This size is too thick to handle with convenience.

MUST CLEAN WALKS

Mayor and City Council Are Determined to See That Snow and Ice Are Removed from Walks

Elsewhere in The Herald this week will be found a copy of city ordinance number 38, providing for the removal of snow, slush and ice from sidewalks. The mayor and council are determined that this ordinance shall be enforced and are ordering the ordinance published for the warning of property owners and tenants.

If the owners or tenants of property do not remove the snow, ice or slush from their sidewalks it will be done by the city and the expense will be charged up against the property as a special tax.

JUDGE ALDEN DELAYED

Judge George D. Alden, Who Is to Speak at Opera House, Delayed One Day on Account of Storm

Very recent information from Judge George D. Alden states that he has been delayed on account of heavy storms, and will be a day late in visiting Alliance, to entertain with his lecture, "The Needs of the Hour". He will be here Friday evening, January 7, and is worthy of a hearty reception from a large audience.

REV. AND MRS. LAYTON HERE

District Worker for American Baptist Publishing Society Rev. and Mrs. Layton have recently secured pleasant quarters and are residents of our city. Rev. Layton is district worker for western Nebraska in the interests of the American Baptist Publishing society, and will in addition to the work connected with this concern fill in the vacancy made by the absence of a regular pastor for the Baptist church. Rev. Layton and wife are pleasant people to meet and we trust they will feel at home among us. The former will hold regular services in the morning and evening at the Baptist church.

Old papers for sale at The Herald office. Five cents a bunch; six bunches for a quarter.

WILL OPEN SOON

Bee Hive Variety Store, under New Management, Plans to Open 14th - J. F. Tiller Is New Owner

Work of remodeling the interior of the Bee Hive store, recently purchased by J. F. Tiller, is going on rapidly and it is expected that the store will be ready for the opening January 14. A complete new stock of goods is en route, and Mr. Tiller will have one of the most complete lines in the country.

The company owns stores of like nature in other Nebraska towns and with large buying connections can give low prices of good quality merchandise.

ADDITION STARTED

Denver Contractor Begins Outside Work on Additions to Hotel Alliance, will Spend \$15,000

J. R. McDonald, Denver contractor who has the contract for building the additional story and making other improvements to the Alliance Hotel building, owned by Adolph Coors, of Denver, has erected scaffolding surrounding the building and started a crew of a dozen men at work. A larger crew will be added as soon as the weather permits.

Brick for the additional story are expected by the last of the week. The plans call for an expenditure of approximately \$15,000 in additions to the hotel, which will make it one of the finest in this section of the West.

FARMERS ASS'N. MEETING

The Annual Meeting at Court House, Last Saturday, Closed a Successful Year's Work

The annual meeting of the Box Butte County Farmers' Association, which was held in the court house at Alliance, last Saturday afternoon, closed a successful year's work, or rather a successful ten months' work, as the practical work of the association was commenced the first of March.

The meeting was called to order by the president, L. J. Schill, who presided.

C. S. Hawk, farm demonstrator for Dawson county, was introduced and gave an interesting address. F. M. Seidell, county agricultural agent (a farm demonstrator), gave a comprehensive report of his work for the association, covering the last ten months. It was very satisfactory to members of the association and contains much information that will serve as an eye-opener to farmers who are not conversant with the work that is being done in Box Butte county thru this organization.

Short talks were made by E. T. Eneyart, Phillip Zobel, J. A. Keegan and other members of the association, all of which indicated that the most enterprising and successful farmers of the county are interested in and satisfied with the work of the Box Butte County Farmers' Association.

On motion it was ordered that the fiscal year begin on January 1 and end December 31 of each year. As County Agent F. M. Seidell was employed for one year and began his work on the first of last March, his contract still covered two months; but in order that the term of the county agent might begin and end with the fiscal year, Mr. Seidell offered to relinquish the unexpired part of his contract.

Members present at the meeting expressed themselves as heartily in favor of employing Mr. Seidell for the ensuing year, but as the election of a county agent devolves upon the board of directors, that matter was deferred to the meeting of the directors following the adjournment of the annual meeting of the association. On motion, it was ordered that the association be continued during the ensuing year.

Mr. Seidell made his report to the board of directors for the month of December. It showed that there were 76 phone calls, 32 office callers and 9 farms visited during the month. 156 personal and 862 circular letters were sent out. 27 farm records were returned and 730 miles traveled by rail and 239 miles by auto. 7 meetings were held with an attendance of 93. One week was spent at the county agents' convention in Lincoln and a week spent visiting during the holidays on annual vacation.

W. F. Patterson, treasurer, made his report of collections and disbursements, which showed that approximately \$1,185 had been collected to date, \$1,010 paid out, leaving a balance of \$175 on hand. The present officers were re-elected, as follows: L. J. Schill, president; A. S. Eneyart, vice president; A. H. Grove, secretary; W. F. Patterson, treasurer.

Members of the board of directors, one from each county precinct in the county, are elected at precinct meetings. The board of directors for the last year consisted of the following named persons: Wm. Davidson, Lake precinct; Fred Trabert, Boyd precinct; F. McCoy, Wright precinct; Fred Crawford, Snake precinct; Neils Peterson, Liberty precinct; E. F. Abley, Nonpareil precinct; Herb Nason, Box Butte precinct; John Jelinek, Runking; Water precinct; Anton Uchris, Dorsey precinct; D. P. Sprectland, Lawn precinct.

COM'L CLUB REPORT

Semi-annual report of Alliance Commercial Club, showing what has been accomplished in last six months.

RENDERED BY W. D. FISHER, SEC'Y

Alliance commercially has much to be thankful for; trade has been good, labor has been well employed, and both public and private improvements have continued in a steady manner.

The harmonious spirit shown by the majority of our business men speaks well for our city and as a result things are being accomplished that a great many said never could be done. The majority of our business men are rapidly beginning to realize that the problem is not "What does the Commercial Club do for me?" but "What am I doing for the Commercial Club?" to the end that the city in which we live, make our money, and educate our children may in 1916 be a better, busier and more prosperous city in which to live.

RESULTS, not RESOLUTIONS, from July 1 to January 1

- 1. Cooperated with Agriculture Agent Seidell in the second silo trip an enjoyed a big free dinner served by the farmers' wives of our community.
2. Marked the road from Alliance to Chadron, Chadron to Hot Springs, Alliance to Crawford, Crawford to Hot Springs, Alliance to Sidney, Alliance to Scottsbluff, Alliance to Broadwater and Alliance to Hay Springs, a total of five hundred and thirty-five miles. This is the record for any town of our size in the West.
3. Sent a booster delegation to Bridgeport to attend their base ball game.
4. Entertained Marshall's Band, of Topeka, Kans., on their way home from the Shriners' celebration at San Francisco. This band gave our citizens a splendid concert and Salt Lake City was the only other city favored by a concert.
5. Held the most successful GOOD ROADS day in the history of Alliance. More Alliance citizens helped in the work and more business men closed their places of business than any other town in the state.
6. Sent a delegation to Bridgeport to confer with the County Commissioners regarding the roads in Morrill County.
7. Held five meetings with our County Commissioners regarding better roads, etc.
8. Farmers and business men held a good meeting at the City Hall in the interest of better roads.
9. Appropriated \$150 to help defray the expenses of an exhibit at the State Fair, and \$150 for our second Labor Day celebration.
10. With the cooperation of the City Council two blocks of new hitching racks were installed for the farmers.
11. Held our Second Annual Labor Day celebration at the Fair Grounds, 3500 people being present.
12. Helped with the shocking bee at Peter Kicken's place.
13. Started the discussion of a Municipal heating plant, and committee has been appointed to act with the city council.
14. Entertained the Crawford boosters.
15. Held twenty-seven Directors' meetings.
16. Twelve Committee meetings were held during these six months, one smoker and two special meetings with an average attendance of thirty-five.
17. Arranged for a special train to Hyannis putting up the necessary guarantee. Sixty-two from Alliance made the trip.
18. Sent a delegation to the Crawford Tri-State Fair.
19. Won three firsts at the State Fair in the agriculture exhibits.
20. Alliance was the first town in the West to issue a color chart showing the different automobile roads.
21. We were the only County in the state to send an agricultural exhibit to the International Dry Farming Congress at Denver.
22. Under the auspices of the Retailers' Association with the help of the Commercial Club Alliance gave its first "Market Week" with a whole week of free entertainment. Again Alliance leads, while others follow.
23. Cooperated in helping make the Burlington dairy train a success and as a result the Burlington officials report that Alliance turned out a bigger crowd than any town on their visit.
24. Appointed a committee to look into the flour mill proposition.
25. Held the first "Better Babies Contest" under the Women's Home Companion rules in the West.
26. Gave a banquet for the T. P. A.'s, it being the first one given by any Commercial Club in western Nebraska.
27. Sent a representative to Columbus to help secure the next County Commissioners and Clerks convention.
28. Secured the next State Convention of County Commissioners, Supervisors and Clerks.
29. Shortened the road to Angora and Bridgeport eleven miles.
30. Opened a new road to Broadwater.
31. Placed fifty-seven roads signs along the different automobile routes.
32. Placed in all the garages and hotels who are members of the Commercial Club a framed color chart showing the different automobile routes in and out of Alliance.
33. Helped finance the Chautauqua.
34. Gave financial support to the band with their free concerts.
35. Sent three representatives to the meeting of the Western Nebraska Commercial Clubs at Crawford.
36. Held a special meeting with the Potash Co. offering to assist them in every way possible.
37. Secured the next district meeting of the I. O. O. F.
38. Suggested to the council that lights be placed in the alleys in our business district.
39. Circulated a petition for guttering on Box Butte avenue.

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HYANNIS WILL COME

Prominent Citizens from Neighboring City Will Attend Father and Son Banquet January 14th

The Alliance Commercial Club has received a communication from the secretary of the Hyannis Commercial Club, Wm. Richards, stating that a number of Hyannis men will come up for the Father and Son's banquet to be held here January 14.

Secretary Fisher sent out invitations to the neighboring towns, inviting the clubs to send representatives, and it is expected that there will be a good number present.

A complete program will be published in The Herald next week.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS MET

Officials of Alliance Division of Burlington Railroad Met for Conference Tuesday

Burlington railroad officials of the Alliance division met Tuesday in conference here with General Superintendent E. E. Young for the purpose of discussing ways and means of promoting efficiency and dispatch in the movement of passenger traffic. The Burlington railroad has a standard to which it holds its operating department as near as possible. During the busy Christmas rush season the system always becomes more or less demoralized and meetings of this kind are held over the entire system for the purpose of correcting errors and promoting efficiency.

MAKE IT A HUMMER

Alliance Will Entertain More Conventions in 1916 Than Any Six Other Western Nebraska Towns

The first Commercial Club smoker for 1916 will be held in the city hall Friday, January 7, starting at 7:30 p. m. This will be a hummer and needs the presence of every Alliance business man and member of the Commercial Club, for the program will be interesting, the cigars will be first class and it will be well worth the time spent.

Prof. C. W. Pugsley of Lincoln will be the principal speaker of the evening. Commissioners Wanek, Hashman and Duncan, and Secretary Fisher will tell how they handled their end of the work at Columbus in securing the 1916 state convention of commissioners and clerks of Nebraska counties. A committee from the Alliance volunteer fire department will tell how the department expects to entertain the visiting firemen from over the state on January 21. F. W. ("Jimmy") Hicks will explain how Alliance secured the next I. O. O. F. district convention. A committee from Post M. Travelers' Protective Association, will tell how they expect to entertain the T. P. A. state convention here in April.

When Alliance can take conventions away from such competitors as Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island, Hastings and Kearney, as we did recently, it shows that we are better organized. Show our visitors Friday night that we are full of "pep" and ginger by turning out in full force and filling the city hall to overflowing. HELP MAKE 1916 THE BEST YEAR ALLIANCE EVER HAD.

COLD WAVE COMING

Weather Reports Show That a Cold Wave is Sweeping Middle West, Coming with High Wind

Weather reports received by the Burlington railroad company Wednesday predicted a severe cold wave to reach this part of the country today, although it is believed that we will get only the edge of the storm. The report predicted an extreme drop in temperature with strong northwest winds, covering the states of Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado.

The weather moderated somewhat the first of the week and has been more agreeable, snow melting considerably Tuesday. At Billings, Montana, the thermometer dropped to twenty-eight degrees below zero at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, and to eighteen degrees below at the same hour at Sheridan, Wyoming. At Alliance the temperature was about zero. There is much snow on the ground throughout western Nebraska.

REVIVAL MEETINGS

Services Start Monday Night at City Mission—Rev. McIntyre Will Preach First Week

A series of continued special meetings will start at the City Mission at 204 Box Butte avenue beginning next Monday evening, January 10. Rev. Lewis McIntyre will preach at the services for the first week and the other ministers of the city will follow succeeding weeks. The services will start at 8 o'clock each evening. A general invitation is extended to all.

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BOOM CONTINUES

Bank Clearings, New York Stock and Bonds and Railway Earnings Signs of Prosperity

The monthly letter on trade conditions issued by the First National Bank of Denver predicts a continuation of the prosperity now widespread over the country, says the Denver News.

There has been no cessation of activity because of the holiday season, total volume of commercial operations being recorded each day being unequaled.

The bank clearings for November for all the country exceeded \$19,000,000,000, as compared with less than \$11,000,000,000.

Transfers on the New York stock exchange aggregated 18,000,000 shares as compared with less than 4,000,000 in 1913. The exchange was closed in November last year.

Sale of bonds in November gained a total of \$130,000,000 as against \$32,000,000 in November, 1913. For the first eleven months of the year the sale of bonds was nearly \$841,000,000, compared with \$427,000,000 a year ago.

Dividend and interest disbursements for December amounted to \$147,000,000, compared with \$133,000,000 a year ago. Financing by corporations in November amounted to \$178,000,000, compared with \$31,000,000 last year.

Building operations for November in 160 principal cities aggregate \$73,000,000, an increase over the same month last year of \$24,000,000.

Gross railroad earnings for the month were \$311,000,000, as against \$274,000,000 in November, 1914. Net earnings were \$119,000,000, a gain of \$30,000,000, nearly 34 per cent.

In the four weeks ended November 27, exports reached a total of \$309,000,000, and imports were \$125,000,000, creating a favorable trade balance of nearly \$184,000,000.

SMOKER COMES EARLY

Will Start at 7:15 Friday Night in Order to Permit All to Hear Judge Alden, Opera House

In order to permit all to attend the lecture of Judge Alden at the opera house which starts at 8:45 Friday evening, the Commercial Club smoker will begin at the city hall at 7:15 o'clock. Alliance business men should bear this in mind and come as early as possible to the smoker.

Among other important subjects to be discussed at the smoker is the proposition of allowing the Wortham shows to come to Alliance again during the 1916 stockmen's convention. They are now endeavoring to make dates and the club will decide at the smoker whether they will ask the city officials to grant a license or to refrain from doing so. Many people are against the proposition, claiming that the shows take much money away from the town, while others are in favor.

DEPARTMENT READY

Fire Boys Will Provide Fine Entertainment for Visitors from Over the State, January 21

The Alliance volunteer fire department has invited the delegates from over the state who attend the state convention at Crawford January 18, 19 and 20 to stop in Alliance Friday, the 21st, and be their guests for one day. Many have accepted the invitation and several hundred visiting firemen are expected on that day.

The special committee, of which Dr. Geo. J. Hand is chairman, met at the city hall Wednesday evening and reported on the plans made and preparations which had been made. Most of the visitors are expected to arrive from Crawford on forty-four at noon. If the weather is open and the snow is not too deep for the use of autos, the visitors will probably be taken to a nearby ranch—probably the J. R. Phelan ranch—in order that they may see a western ranch in all its glory. If the weather will not permit the use of autos a special picture show will be given at the Imperial for the occasion, at which the visitors will be the guests.

In the evening there will be a big smoker and "love feast" at the opera house in which Alliance citizens and business men will be invited to meet the visiting firemen. Cigars, eatables and refreshments will be served and an interesting program will be given, which will include athletic features, vocal and instrumental music, with short talks from visitors and local men.

About forty Alliance firemen are planning to spend one day or more at the Crawford convention. Hyannis expects to send up fifteen visitors. In addition to a good attendance at the convention from the east the western Nebraska towns will do their share in making the Crawford convention the best and largest ever held.

Public Library Closed

The public library is closed on account of the fact that the boiler in the furnace has given out and it will be a few days before replaced. Patrons are hereby notified that the library will not be re-opened until the first part of next week.

The Alliance Herald prints all the news all the time.